



REPORT
ON
THE CONDITION AND PROGRESS
OF THE
QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY IN IRELAND,
FOR THE YEAR 1881-82.

BY
HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF LEINSTER,
CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.



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REPORT.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY FRANCIS THOMAS DE GREY EARL
COWPER, K.G., &c., &c., &c.

LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

Queen's University, Dublin Castle,
February 3, 1882.

May it please your Excellency,

As Chancellor of the Queen's University in Ireland, it becomes my duty, in compliance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Charter, to furnish to your Excellency the Report of the Condition and Progress of the University from the 1st June, 1881, up to the time of the dissolution of the University, on the 3rd February, 1882.

The General University Examinations during the period of this Report commenced on the 20th of September, and terminated on the 11th of October, 1881. Examinations for Degrees in the Faculty of Medicine were also held in June, 1881, and First University Examinations in Arts and Engineering were also held in January, 1882. At these various Examinations 652* Candidates presented themselves.

In addition to these Examinations for Members of the University, Examinations of Candidates who are not Members of the University were held in the month of June, 1881.

The principal public meeting of the University, to confer degrees and diplomas, and distribute prizes, was held in St. Patrick's

* In this number the candidates who underwent more than one distinct University Examination within the year are enumerated separately.

App. I. Hall, Dublin Castle, on the 13th of October last. An account of the proceedings is appended to this Report.

App. II. The final Public Meeting of the University was held on the 1st February, 1882, for conferring Higher and Honorary Degrees. An account of the proceedings is appended to this Report.

The following papers are also annexed for your Excellency's information :—

App. III. The Estimate for the year.

App. IV. The Cash Account for the year.

App. V. A Return of the several Meetings of the Senate since my last Report.

I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's

Obedient and faithful Servant,

LEINSTER, *Chancellor.*

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX I.

PUBLIC MEETING of the QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY in IRELAND, held in
St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle, on the 13th October, 1881.

Appendix.
I.
Public
Meeting.

AFTER the close of the Examinations of the year 1881, a public meeting of the Queen's University was held in Dublin Castle on the 13th October, for conferring degrees, diplomas, and prizes.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF LEINSTER, Chancellor of the University, opened the meeting with the following address:—

This day closes the thirty-second academic year of the Queen's University. During the present year upwards of 1,000 students have been instructed by the University in its colleges at Belfast, Cork, and Galway. The matriculation examinations, which are examinations for testing school education before admission to the University, are held by the three colleges severally, as are also the minor examinations to be subsequently passed by students in their advance through their several curricula. But at all the principal examinations the students of the three colleges are examined together, and their progress carefully tested under the direction of the University Senate. At these combined examinations 849 students of the University have been examined within the year, besides three candidates admitted under special regulations; 602 out of these 849, or about seventy per cent. have satisfied the very strict requirements of the University examiners.

At these principal or University examinations, 172 candidates presented themselves in the Faculty of Arts, of whom 134 have successfully passed through the ordeal to which they were submitted, twenty-one for the degree of Master in Arts, fifty-eight for the degree of Bachelor in Arts, and fifty-five have passed the previous examination held at the end of two years' study at College. I am happy to say that ten of the candidates for the degree of Master in Arts, thirty of the candidates for the degree of Bachelor in Arts, and fifteen of the undergraduates in Arts have been awarded high University distinctions for the excellence of their answering.

In the Faculty of Law three students of the University were examined and passed, besides one extern candidate who had studied in Trinity College, Dublin.

In the Faculty of Medicine there are two previous University examinations in addition to the degree examination. At these examinations 532 students of the University presented themselves, and two extern candidates. Of these seventy-two have passed for the degree of Doctor in Medicine, fifty-three for the degree of Master in Surgery, thirty-four for the diploma in Midwifery, and 286 at one or

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other of the two previous examinations. Seven of the candidates for the degree of Doctor in Medicine, and fifteen of the candidates at the previous examinations have been awarded high university distinctions.

In the Faculty of Engineering twenty-nine candidates have been examined, of whom twenty-two have satisfied the examiners; nine for the degree of bachelor in Engineering, and thirteen at the previous examination in that faculty. Five of the candidates in this faculty have been awarded university honors.

Besides these examinations for students educated in the University, the University holds annually local examinations for women, at which fifty-four candidates presented themselves within this academic year. Of these, forty-three satisfied the strict requirements of their examiners, and many of these ladies passed with distinction in several of the subjects of examination.

The Queen's University, in the thirty-two years during which it has pursued its useful labours, has educated upwards of 7,800 students, the great majority of them Irishmen, of whom 2,261 have received its well-earned degrees. The graduates of the University now form a body that have risen to prominence in every learned profession and in every occupation of life in which an instructed mind and a generous tone of thought carry weight. They are widely scattered over the whole world, and are to be met with in considerable numbers in Asia, Africa, and America, as well as at home. Everywhere members of the University are found holding positions in the public service, in the professions, and in private enterprises, that do honour to their University. Two of these graduates from a distant part of the world, who have acquired distinction in the British consular service in Japan, will receive to-day higher degrees—Mr. John Carey Hall will receive the degree of Master in Arts, *speciali gratia*, and Mr. Hiram Shaw Wilkinson the degree of Doctor in Laws.

The University will to-day also exercise its right to confer honorary degrees on distinguished members of its body. The degree of Doctor in Literature, *honoris causa*, will be conferred on Professor Nesbitt, a man of high literary attainments, who has conspicuously served the University from its commencement, and has on many critical occasions largely contributed to give to this University its present educational efficiency. The same well-deserved honour will be conferred by the University on Professor Cliffe Leslie, who has laboured zealously in the service of this University, and whose writings have acquired for him a wide reputation, and have extended and rendered more accurate the science of political economy. It is with very great regret that the Senate has learned that Professor Leslie's health does not admit of his being present amongst us to-day to receive the degree in person.

The degree of Doctor in Science, *honoris causa*, will be conferred on Dr. Cleland, a Fellow of the Royal Society, who served this University for several years as one of its Professors of Anatomy and Physiology, and who is now one of the distinguished professors of the University of Glasgow, where his university duties have, to his regret, made it impossible for him to attend to-day to receive the degree in person. The University will confer the same distinction on Professor Purser, on Professor Rowney, and on Professor Letts, who are still engaged in employing their great abilities in the active service of the University.

The honorary degree of Doctor in Laws will be conferred on Mr. Ross, who was, on the creation of Convocation, returned by that body to represent it on the University Senate, and who has on every subsequent occasion been re-elected to this important office; on Professor Mills, who has served the University from its commencement as

Professor, and for many years as Examiner, in the Faculty of Law; on Mr. O'Shaughnessy, Professor and Examiner in the Faculty of Law; and on Mr. James Wilson, a graduate of high distinction in the University, a former Examiner in the Faculty of Law, and Clerk of Convocation since the foundation of that body, an office in which he has, on many important occasions, rendered the most loyal service to the University. And the degree of Master in Arts, *honoris causa*, will be conferred on Dr. William Thomson, a distinguished graduate and Examiner in the University.

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The record which I have had to place before you to-day is one which indicates that the University is still in a state of active and, indeed, vigorous growth. Year by year the number of students who receive instruction in its halls is increasing, a larger number submit to its examinations, and more appear in the state of preparation which entitles them to pass. The Honor lists also are most satisfactory, and the more so when the separate reports of the Examiners are scrutinized. In every direction there is healthy development. This year our statistics show an advance upon last year, which in its turn exceeded those of the year before, and this creditable state of things has been repeated now for a long series of years.

I will now call on the Secretary to present the candidates upon whom the several degrees and distinctions are to be conferred.

The degrees, honors, and prizes were then conferred by the Chancellor as recorded in the Register.

APPENDIX II.

PUBLIC MEETING of the QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY in IRELAND, held in the Council Chamber, Dublin Castle, on the 1st February, 1882.

II.
Public
Meeting

The final Public Meeting of the Queen's University, for conferring degrees, was held on the 1st February, 1882.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF LEINSTER, Chancellor of the University, opened the proceedings with the following address:—

The Queen's University meets to-day under circumstances which are happily without precedent in the British Empire. It is a University which has discharged every function intrusted to it; it has discharged them well, and its career is now on the point of being closed in the plenitude of its mature vigour. Its educational type is a high one, combining instruction by eminent professors with examinations adapted with great care to raise the soundness of that instruction to its furthest limit. Under this system a great body of graduates have grown up, who are now scattered over all quarters of the globe, and in great numbers prove by the eminence of their careers the excellence of that system under which they received their early training.

The Queen's University has at the present moment above 1,100 students receiving instruction in its colleges, and so soon as the determination to end its career was manifestly irreversible, it became the duty of the Senate to consider how far it was within its power to mitigate the injury to the graduates and students of the Queen's University, which this step entails. The Senate accordingly some months ago took steps to protect the interests of the undergraduates, so far as that was practicable; but it became unnecessary to continue in the course which the Senate had adopted, because the authorities of the Royal University

shortly afterwards passed a resolution according to our students a better position than it then remained within the power of the Queen's University to secure to them.

The Senate also felt it to be incumbent upon them to consider the case of those graduates of the University who have taken the earlier degree of Bachelor in the Queen's University, and who, without the special intervention of the Senate, would be unable to obtain the higher degree of their faculty, except from an institution which has yet to make its reputation. All the graduates of the Queen's University who have only taken the lower degree stand in this predicament; but the Senate has been unable to provide for many of them, for it had to take care that in endeavouring to prevent injury to them, nothing was now done which could diminish the value deservedly attaching to the higher degrees of this University. The Senate has, on this account, not been able to relieve all its graduates from the disadvantageous position which I have described; but it has been able to relieve one large category of them. It felt that there could be no objection to raising to the Master-ship in Arts, Mastership in Engineering, and Doctorate in Laws, those who had afforded a distinctly higher educational test than that required for the pass M.A. or pass LL.D. of our ordinary curriculum.

The names of the persons who will be this day presented for higher degrees under the class of ordinary degrees are of persons who have in every instance afforded a higher educational test than that required for the pass degree when obtained in the usual course, or rather a very much higher test of this kind. After each name the grounds of the decision arrived at by the Senate are given; and such a graduation cannot lower, but will rather tend to raise the value of the higher degrees of the Queen's University, as has been uniformly the aim of its Senate. Besides these, some degrees of Bachelor in Engineering will be conferred upon the holders of the diplomas, which in the earlier years of the University were the distinction conferred in that faculty. By including them the Senate has only exempted these persons from a form which, owing to the dissolution of the University, there will no longer be an opportunity of going through.

Such are the steps which the Senate has taken in its endeavour to diminish the injury done to its graduates. The Senate has also thought this a fitting occasion on which to record its sense of the credit which has redounded to this University within the short space of thirty years by the creditable careers of its graduates in afterlife. It has thought that it would effect this best by selecting a few for the distinction of honorary degrees. Degrees will, on this ground, be conferred on Mr. Hart, Inspector-General of Imperial Maritime Customs, China; Mr. West, Judge of the High Court of Judicature of Bombay; Mr. Barbour, Financial Secretary to the Government of India; Mr. MacDonnell, Officiating Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Revenue and General Departments; Mr. O'Kinealy, Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs, Calcutta, and President of the Board of Examiners; and upon the others who are entered on the list under the heading of "Other Graduates."

Another consideration has also influenced the Senate. The strong feeling of attachment to the Queen's University, which has widely prevailed amongst its graduates, whether at home, in the colonies, or abroad, is a very noteworthy fact, and reflects credit alike on the great majority of our graduates, by whom it has been on many occasions manifested, and upon the University, which has justly been the object of this sincere regard. The representative men of this class are the members for the time being of the committee of the Convocation of the

University, and the committees which in London or elsewhere have acted in conjunction with that committee. The Senate has thought that it would most mark its appreciation of the services so often rendered by the great body of its own graduates by placing in the list for honorary degrees names selected from the above-mentioned committees. Several of these names would have appeared under the category last mentioned, but from the necessity of placing them here.

The Senate has also wished to do what it can to place on record the connection with this University, and to express its appreciation of the zealous services rendered to the University by the body of professors and senators who have been most intimately associated in its work. Among the senators whose names appear on the list Sir Robert Peel stands pre-eminent for his generous sympathy with the objects of this University at a time when it was very much in want of friends, and for the munificent efforts he made to promote those objects by founding the long series of Peel Prizes, which have been borne away by our most distinguished students for more than twenty years.

And we record to-day the labours of the professorial staff, which has accomplished work that, as a whole, has been carried out with marked ability, anxious care, and without regard to the labour involved, though often but slenderly remunerated. It is, alas! only those who survive of this class who can be entered in our lists for recognition to-day. But we can bear in our memory such names as Boole, as Nesbitt, as Cairnes, as Craik, as Leslie, and as Mulenhy.

The Chancellor then conferred the degrees recorded in the Register.

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APPENDIX III.

ESTIMATE of the Sum required to defray the Expenses of the QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY in IRELAND, for the year ended 31st March, 1882, including a supplementary estimate.

III.
Estimate.

	£
Salaries,	1,579
Examiners' Stipends,	2,062
Examiners' Expenses,	760
Medals and Prizes,	1,000
Incidental Expenses,	270
	<hr/> 5,671

APPENDIX IV.

CASH ACCOUNT of the QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, for the year ended 31st March, 1882.

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Cash
Account.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Forward from last Account,	187	4	1	Official Salaries,	1,542	16	9
Net payments from the Ex- chequer during the year,	4,515	5	11	Examiners' Stipends,	2,092	0	0
Fees collected during the year,	969	10	0	Examiners' Expenses,	675	0	6
				Medals and Prizes,	944	12	6
				Incidentals,	385	3	3
				Fees returned,	14	0	0
				Balance at the end of the year,	38	7	0
	<hr/> 5,672	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 0		<hr/> 5,672	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 0

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the Senate.

APPENDIX V.

MEETINGS OF THE SENATE.

*Meeting of Senate and Public Meeting of
the University, June 20, 1881.**Present :*

His Grace the Duke of Leinster,
Chancellor, in the Chair.
Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S., Vice-
Chancellor.
President Sullivan, PH.D., of Queen's
College, Cork.
Professor Redfern, M.D.
Professor Maxwell Simpson, M.D., F.R.S.
John Thomas Banks, M.D.
President Moffett, LL.D., of Queen's
College, Galway.
Hans M'Mordie, M.A.
Wm. Alexander M'Keown, M.D.
G. Johnstone Stoney, D.Sc., F.R.S., Secre-
tary to the University.

*Second Meeting of Senate, June 26, 1881.**Present :*

His Grace the Duke of Leinster,
Chancellor, in the Chair.
Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S., Vice-
Chancellor.
President Sullivan, PH.D., of Queen's
College, Cork.
Professor Redfern, M.D.
Professor Maxwell Simpson, M.D., LL.D.,
F.R.S.
John Thomas Banks, M.D.
President Moffett, LL.D., of Queen's
College, Galway.
David Boss, M.A., LL.D.
Hans M'Mordie, M.A.
Wm. Alexander M'Keown, M.D.
G. Johnstone Stoney, D.Sc., F.R.S., Secre-
tary to the University.

*Meeting of Senate, October 4, 1881.**Present :*

Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S., Vice-
Chancellor, in the Chair.
President Sullivan, PH.D., of Queen's
College, Cork.
Professor Redfern, M.D.
Professor Maxwell Simpson, LL.D., F.R.S.
Rev. Robinson Scott, D.D.
John Thomas Banks, M.D.
President Moffett, LL.D., of Queen's
College, Galway.
Professor Allman, LL.D.
Hans M'Mordie, M.A.
E. D. J. Wilson, M.A., LL.B.
President Porter, D.D., of Queen's College,
Belfast.
G. Johnstone Stoney, D.Sc., F.R.S., Secre-
tary to the University.
Andrew M. Porter, B.A., Q.C.

*Meeting of Senate and Public Meeting of
the University, October 13, 1881.**Present :*

His Grace the Duke of Leinster,
Chancellor, in the Chair.
Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S., Vice-
Chancellor.
President Sullivan, PH.D., of Queen's
College, Cork.
Professor Redfern, M.D.
Professor Maxwell Simpson, LL.D., F.R.S.
Rev. Robinson Scott, D.D.
John Thomas Banks, M.D.
President Moffett, LL.D., of Queen's
College, Galway.
Professor Allman, LL.D.
Hans M'Mordie, M.A.
President Porter, D.D., of Queen's College,
Belfast.
G. Johnstone Stoney, D.Sc., F.R.S., Secre-
tary to the University.
Andrew M. Porter, B.A., Q.C.

*Meeting of Senate and Public Meeting of
the University, November 7, 1881.**Present :*

His Grace the Duke of Leinster,
Chancellor, in the Chair.
Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S., Vice-
Chancellor.
President Sullivan, PH.D., of Queen's
College, Cork.
Professor Redfern, M.D.
Rev. Robinson Scott, D.D.
John Thomas Banks, M.D.
President Moffett, LL.D., of Queen's
College, Galway.
Professor Allman, LL.D.
William Alexander M'Keown, M.D.
President Porter, D.D., of Queen's
College, Belfast.
G. Johnstone Stoney, D.Sc., F.R.S., Secre-
tary to the University.

*Adjourned Meeting of Senate, November
11, 1881.**Present :*

His Grace the Duke of Leinster,
Chancellor, in the Chair.
Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S.
President Sullivan, PH.D., of Queen's
College, Cork.
Rev. Robinson Scott, D.D.
John Thomas Banks, M.D.
President Moffett, LL.D., of Queen's
College, Galway.
Professor Allman, LL.D.
G. Johnstone Stoney, D.Sc., F.R.S., Secre-
tary to the University.

Meeting of Senate, December 29, 1881.

Present :

His Grace the Duke of Leinster,
Chancellor, in the Chair.
Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S.
President Sullivan, Ph.D.
Professor Redfern, M.D.
Rev. Robinson Scott, D.D.
John Thomas Banks, M.D.
President Moffett, LL.D., of Queen's
College, Galway.
Professor Allman, LL.D.
Hans M'Mordie, M.A.
President Porter, D.D., of Queen's Col-
lege, Belfast.
G. Johnstone Stoney, D.Sc., F.R.S., *Secre-
tary to the University.*

Meeting of Senate, January 31, 1882.

Present :

His Grace the Duke of Leinster,
Chancellor, in the Chair.
Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S., *Vice-
Chancellor.*
President Sullivan, Ph.D., of Queen's
College, Cork.
Professor Redfern, M.D.
Rev. Robinson Scott, D.D.
John Thomas Banks, M.D.

President Moffett, LL.D., of Queen's *Appendix.*
College, Galway.

Professor Allman, LL.D.

David Ross, M.A., LL.B.

Hans M'Mordie, M.A.

Wm. Alexander M'Keown, M.D.

President Porter, D.D., of Queen's
College, Belfast.

G. Johnstone Stoney, D.Sc., F.R.S., *Secre-
tary to the University.*

*Meeting of Senate and Public Meeting
of the University, February, 1882.*

Present :

His Grace the Duke of Leinster,
Chancellor, in the Chair.
Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S., *Vice-
Chancellor.*
President Sullivan, Ph.D., of Queen's
College, Cork.
Rev Robinson Scott, D.D.
John Thomas Banks, M.D.
President Moffett, LL.D., of Queen's
College, Galway.
Professor Allman, LL.D.
R. D. J. Wilson, LL.D.
President Porter, D.D., of Queen's College,
Belfast.
G. Johnstone Stoney, D.Sc., F.R.S., *Secre-
tary to the University.*

V.
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the Senate.